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GPO'S REGIONAL PRINTING PROCUREMENT OFFICE MOVES TO NEW ST. LOUIS LOCATION

The U.S. Government Printing Office Regional Printing Procurement Office (RPPO) in St. Louis has moved to a new location. The new address is:

U.S. GPO Regional Printing Procurement Office
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St. Louis, MO 63103

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The St. Louis RPPO serves Federal agencies by finding commercial printers who can print Government documents most economically, in keeping with the agencies' needs for quality and timeliness. The RPPO works with the agencies to make sure jobs are configured to take maximum advantage of the efficiency of private sector printing capacity, visits commercial printers to assure that they can do the work they bid on, and inspects finished jobs to determine whether quality standards have been met. Without the RPPO, each Federal agency in the St. Louis area would need a team of printing specialists to do the same work, and the costs for such duplicative effort would be high.

As part of GPO's Printing Procurement Program, the St. Louis RPPO achieves significant savings for taxpayers. One recent example from St. Louis is the case of an agency that had obtained an estimate of \$6,447 to print a pamphlet. The St. Louis RPPO procured the job for \$3,641, including GPO's surcharge. The savings to the agency was \$2,806 or 43%. GPO contracts out approximately 75% of all printing every year. The kind of savings achieved at the St. Louis RPPO in this example are not unusual.

The St. Louis RPPO moved from the Old Post Office building as part of a general relocation program by the General Services Administration. The RPPO employs 10 residents of the St. Louis area.

GPO's Printing Procurement Program offers private sector printers many advantages: an open competitive procurement system, one-stop shopping for Government printing contracts, standardized bidding for printing contracts, and quick-turnaround payment. So successful is this Program that it was characterized as an example of "Government at its best" in a 1998 review by Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., which quoted Federal agency printing managers as saying that "none of them felt that they wanted to or could do this function better than GPO." No funds are appropriated to support GPO's printing procurement program. Instead, Federal agencies pay a nominal processing fee for GPO's procurement services. During FY 2001, GPO placed \$425 million in printing contracts with the private sector nationwide. Approximately \$20 million in printing contracts were placed in Missouri alone.

More information on GPO's Printing Procurement Program is available on our Web site, at **www.gpo.gov/procurement**. Printers interested in doing business with GPO should call (202) 512-0526 for a bidder's kit.

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